IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

PREMIER CANDLE CORP.,

In the matter of Trademark Registration

No. 2,086,606

Petitioner

For the mark AMERICA'S PREMIER

CANDLE COMPANY

STARLIGHT CANDLES, LTD.

Date of Registration: August 5, 1997

Respondent

Cancellation No.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

August 2, 2002

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PETITION TO CANCEL

PETITIONER, Premier Candle Corp., a Canadian corporation, having a place of business at 1255 Fewster Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA LAW 1A3, believes that it is and will continue to be damaged by United States Trademark Registration No. 2,086,606 for the mark AMERICA'S PREMIERE CANDLE COMPANY covering "candles" in International Class 004 and hereby petitions to cancel the same.

RESPONDENT, Starlight Candles, Ltd. of 7667 Cahill Road, Suite 400, Edina, Minnesota, 55439, a Minnesota corporation, is the record titleholder of said registration.

AS GROUNDS THEREFOR, it is alleged that:

- 1. Respondent's registered mark consists of words which, when applied to the "candles" identified by Respondent's registered mark, are merely descriptive in that said words are laudatory, geographically descriptive, and common terms used to describe the goods of the nature involved herein.
- 2. Petitioner, since at least as early of March 4, 1997, has been involved in the manufacture and sale of goods of the same nature as Respondent's goods described in said registration, and that Petitioner has a valid and legal right to describe its goods by use of the terms registered as a trademark by Respondent.

- 3. Petitioner is likely to be damaged by Respondent's registration of said terms in that the *prima facie* effect of such registration tends to impair Petitioner's right to descriptive use of said terms.
- 4. In view of the above allegations, Respondent is not entitled to continue registration of its mark in that Respondent is not entitled to exclusive use of said terms in commerce on the goods specified and, further, that Respondent's mark does not function to identify Respondent's goods and distinguish them from those offered by others.
- 5. Respondent's alleged mark has not become distinctive of Respondent's goods in commerce and no customer recognition of said terms as a valid mark identifying only Respondent has been achieved.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that Registration No. 2,086,606 be cancelled and that this Petition for Cancellation be sustained in favor of Petitioner.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRADEMARK CANCELLATION

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